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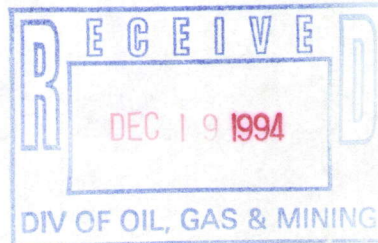
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IN REPLY REFER TO:

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Mr. Neal Mortensen
Western Clay Company
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Aurora, Utah 84620



DEC 15 1994

Dear Mr. Mortensen:

We have received a copy of your amended plan of operations for the Last Chance bentonite mine from your consultant, E. M. Garrick. We have reviewed the document and found it to be **incomplete**, as the following items contained in our letter of March 31, 1994, were not addressed:

1. Although the amended plan was signed by your consultant, we have no documentation that Mr. Garrick has the authority to sign for Western Clay Company.
2. Operating times should be included in the plan of operations. The frequency and number of truck trips per day, week, or month should also be included.
3. The size of the workforce should be included, as well as the type of work that each will be doing.
4. A description of the mining sequence should be included, along with the estimated life of the mine. A map should be included showing the mining sequence on a year-by-year basis. The reclamation sequence should also be included and tied into the mining sequence.
5. A detailed description of the operation should be included. The operation should be broken down into steps, with each step being described.
6. No mention is made of the terms and conditions of your notice and as to whether or not they will be included as part of the plan of operations.
7. It is not clear if the final reclamation consisting of knocking down the highwall is included in the mine map and the acreage calculations. If such an action is not included, then it will have to be added to both the acreage calculations and the mine map.

Sincerely,

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